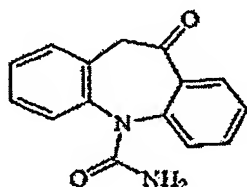


**CLAIMS**

1. Process for preparing oxcarbazepine of formula

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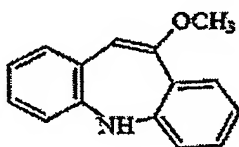


(I)

which includes:

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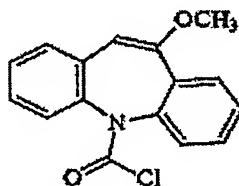
- a) the chlorocarbonylation reaction of the compound of formula



(II)

with triphosgene in the presence of a base, to give the compound of formula

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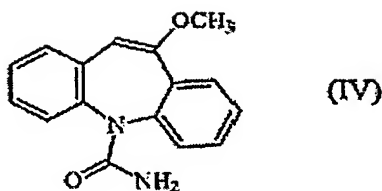


(III)

2. Process according to Claim 1, which subsequently includes:

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- b) ammonolysis of the compound of formula III to give the compound of formula



and

- 5           c)     acid hydrolysis of the compound of formula IV to give oxcarbazepine I.
3.     Process according to Claim 1 or 2, in which the said chlorocarbonylation reaction  
a) is performed with triphosgene in a molar ratio, relative to the compound of  
10     formula II, of between 0.46:1 and 0.54:1 and more preferably at about 0.5:1.
4.     Process according to Claims 1 to 3, in which the said chlorocarbonylation reaction  
a) is performed using triethylamine as base, in a molar ratio relative to the  
compound of formula II of between 1.4: 1 and 1.6:1 and preferably at about 1.5:1.
- 15     5.     Process according to Claims 1 to 4, in which the said chlorocarbonylation reaction  
a) is performed in toluene and at a temperature of between 90 and 110°C.
6.     Process according to Claims 2 to 5, in which the ammonolysis b) is performed  
20     with aqueous ammonia in methanol.
7.     Process according to Claims 2 to 6, in which the deprotection c) is performed with  
hydrochloric acid in aqueous medium at a pH of about 1 and at a temperature of  
between 90 and 95°C.